

Coburn Amendment No. 50 (to H.R. 2, as amended), to restore fiscal discipline by making the Medicaid and SCHIP programs more accountable and efficient. **Page S987**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, January 29, 2009. **Page S1005**

**Printing of Communication—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that a communication to Senator Byrd from the Office of Compliance related to USERRA regulations be printed in the Record.

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Christina Duckworth Romer, of California, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers.

(Prior to this action, Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration.)

Dennis Cutler Blair, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of National Intelligence.

James Braidy Steinberg, of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary of State.

(Prior to this action, Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.)

Jacob J. Lew, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources.

(Prior to this action, Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.)

Robert L. Nabors II, of New Jersey, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

(Prior to this action, Committee on Budget and Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs were discharged from further consideration.)

27 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

42 Army nominations in the rank of general.

2 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Pages S1001–04, S1005–06**

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**Record Votes:** Six record votes were taken today. (Total—23) **Pages S954–55, S960, S969, S985, S986**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:32 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 29, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's RECORD on page S1005.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### HOUSING AND FINANCIAL CRISIS

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine federal response to the housing and financial crisis, after receiving testimony from Douglas W. Elmendorf, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Finance:* On Tuesday, January 27, 2009, committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, "The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act".

### GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine global climate change, after receiving testimony from Former Vice President Al Gore, Nashville, Tennessee.

### MUMBAI TERRORIST ATTACKS

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine lessons from the Mumbai, India, terrorist attacks, after receiving testimony from Brian Michael Jenkins, RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, California; Ashley J. Tellis, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington, D.C.; and Alan Orlob, Marriott International Lodging, Bethesda, Maryland, and Michael L. Norton, Tishman Speyer, New York, New York, both on behalf of the Real Estate Roundtable.

### ECONOMIC CRISIS

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine impact of the economic crisis on the United States Postal Service, after receiving testimony from John E. Potter, Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer, United States Postal Service; Dan G. Blair, Chairman, Postal Regulatory Commission; and Phillip Herr, Director, Physical Infrastructure, Government Accountability Office.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination Eric H. Holder, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be Attorney General.

**VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine veterans organizations' priorities for the 111th Congress, after receiving testimony from Dean Stoline, The American Legion, Rockville, Maryland; Adrian Atizado, Disabled American Veterans, Cold Spring, Kentucky; Todd Bowers, Iraq

and Afghanistan Veterans of America, New York, New York; Carl Blake, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Fredericksburg, Virginia; Dennis Cullinan, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Washington, D.C.; and John Rowan, Vietnam Veterans of America, Middle Village, New York.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Dennis Blair, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of National Intelligence.

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## House of Representatives

**Chamber Action**

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 50 public bills, H.R. 734–735, 737–741, 743–785; 7 private bills, H.R. 736–742; and 13 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 29–35; and H. Res. 96–101 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows: Supplemental report on H.R. 598, to provide for a portion of the economic recovery package relating to revenue measures, unemployment, and health (H. Rept. 111–8, Pt. 2).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Tauscher to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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**Authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony in honor of the bicentennial of the birth of President Abraham Lincoln:** The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Con. Res. 27, authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony in honor of the bicentennial of the birth of President Abraham Lincoln.

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**Suspension—Failed:** The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, January 27th:

**DTV Delay Act:** S. 328, amended, to postpone the DTV transition date, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 258 yeas to 168 nays, Roll No. 41.

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**Committee Elections:** The House agreed to H. Res. 96, electing the following Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives: Committee on Homeland Security: Representatives Loretta Sanchez (CA), Harman, DeFazio, Norton,

Zoe Lofgren (CA), Jackson-Lee (TX), Cuellar, Carney, Clarke, Richardson, Kirkpatrick (AZ), Luján, Pascrell, Cleaver, Al Green (TX), Himes, Kilroy, Massa, and Titus. Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Representatives Kanjorski, Maloney, Cummings, Kucinich, Tierney, Clay, Watson, Lynch, Cooper, Connolly (VA), Norton, Kennedy, Davis (IL), Van Hollen, Cuellar, Hodes, Murphy (CT), Welch, Foster, Speier, and Driehaus.

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**American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009:** The House passed H.R. 1, making supplemental appropriations for job preservation and creation, infrastructure investment, energy efficiency and science, assistance to the unemployed, and State and local fiscal stabilization, for fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, by a yea-and-nay vote of 244 yeas to 188 nays, Roll No. 46. Consideration of the measure began on Tuesday, January 27th.

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Rejected the Lewis (GA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a recorded vote of 159 yeas to 270 noes, Roll No. 45.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 111–9 shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment under the five-minute rule.

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Accepted:

Oberstar amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 111–9) that amends the aviation, highway, rail, and transit priority consideration and “use-it-or-lose-it” provisions to require that 50 percent of the funds be obligated within 90 days;

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